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- 2—IVAN KOLOFF
- 3-JIMMY SNUKA
- 4-JOHN STUDD
- 5-PEDRO MORALES
- 6—SUPERSTAR GRAHAM
- 7-ROCKY JOHNSON
- 8-RAY STEVENS
- 9-EDDIE GILBERT
- 10-MIKE SHARPE

## AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Champion: NICK BOCKWINKEL

- 1-RICK MARTEL
- 2—HULK HOGAN
- 3—JERRY LAWLER
- 4-WAHOO McDANIEL
- 5-KEN PATERA
- 6-JESSE VENTURA
- 7-MAD DOG VACHON
- 8-TULLY BLANCHARD
- 9-CRUSHER BLACKWELL
- 10-GREG GAGNE

#### **MOST POPULAR**

- 1-ANDRE THE GIANT
- 2—DUSTY RHODES
- 3—JIMMY SNUKA
- 4-HULK HOGAN
- 5-RICK MARTEL
- 6-BOB BACKLUND
- 7—JUNKYARD DOG
- 8—JACK BRISCO
- 9-TOMMY RICH
- 10-KERRY VON ERICH



**EDDIE GILBERT** 



**IFRRY LAWLER** 



**GREG VALENTINE** 



ANDRE THE GIANT

#### NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Champion: RIC FLAIR

- 1-GREG VALENTINE
- 2-PAUL ORNDORFF
- 3-MIKE GRAHAM
- 4-KERRY VON ERICH
- 5-DORY FUNK JR.
- 6-BOB ARMSTRONG
- 7—BARRY WINDHAM
- 8—HARLEY RACE
- 9-TOMMY RICH
- 10-DAVID VON ERICH

#### **TAG TEAMS**

- 1-SGT. SLAUGHTER & DON KERNODLE
- 2-GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
- 3-JAY & JULES STRONGBOW
- 4—THE SAMOANS
- 5—THE MOONDOGS
- 6—THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS
- 7—THE FREEBIRDS
- 8-THE MASKED GRAPPLERS
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- 10-THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

#### **MOST HATED**

- 1-GREG VALENTINE
- 2—KEVIN SULLIVAN
- 3-RIC FLAIR
- 4-MAGNIFICENT MURACO
- 5-NICK BOCKWINKEL
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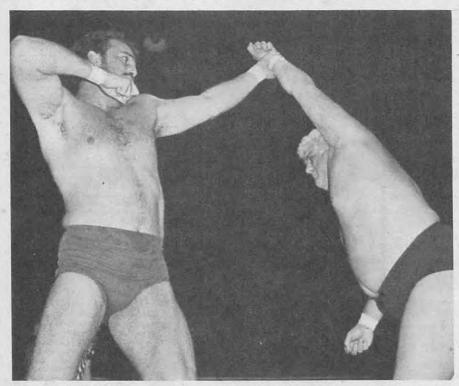




#### LISTEN UP, SNAKE!

An open letter to Jake Roberts: Mid-Atlantic area, you were a scientific wrestler and a fan favorite. You were also really you've joined up with Kevin good friends with Barry Sullivan in Satan worship.

Windham while he was in the area. Now I hear that you've When you wrestled in the turned rulebreaker, and even worse, you've turned against Barry and broken his nose. Now



Jake "The Snake" Roberts aims his knuckles at Dusty Rhodes' exposed ribs. Reader Gail Rosser is disillusioned by Roberts' change from favorite to rulebreaker and his partnership with Kevin Sullivan in Florida.

I thought you were a nice person and a good friend, but I was wrong. I hope you can live with yourself after what you've done, because the fans in the Mid-Atlantic area are totally disgusted with you and what you have done.

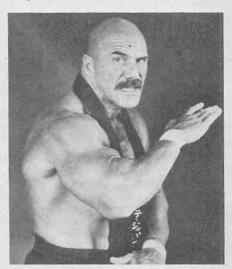
I think that in the long run you will regret turning rulebreaker, making Barry Windham an enemy, and befriending a person like Kevin Sullivan.

> GAIL ROSSER Roanoke, VA

#### A CHAMPION'S FEAR

Thank you for your article on Bob Backlund and Superstar Graham ("Why The Threat Of Superstar Graham Terrifies Bob Backlund," Sports Review Wrestling Annual, Spring 1983).

I have always felt that Superstar Graham has all the



Superstar Graham has what it takes to dethrone WWF champion Bob Backlund, writes Larry Held.

talents necessary to regain the WWF title from Bob Backlund. I never liked Backlund, and how he's held on to the belt for five years is a mystery beyond my understanding.

Your story made one thing clear to me: Bob Backlund will lose the title soon. Graham has placed fear in Backlund's soul, and you can see how it has affected Backlund since his (Continued on page 10) Start your own money making business!

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#### MAILBAG

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match with Graham: Backlund now attacks his opponents from behind, attacks referees, even shoves his own manager, Arnold Skoaland.

I don't think even Backlund is stupid enough to accept another match with Graham; it would be an instant loss for him. But even if Graham doesn't get another shot at the title, I guarantee Backlund will lose it to somebody soon. Graham has wounded Backlund, and now it's up for someone to move in for the kill.

LARRY HELD Spring Valley, NY



NWA champion Ric Flair has been the recipient of an unfair amount of media criticism, in the view of reader David Florey.

#### A DESERVING CHAMPION

I think your magazine is the best in the business. I admire your photography of matches and in-depth stories and interviews. But let me get to the point of my letter.

I have noticed a trend in many wrestling publications. This trend is to put down a man whom I consider one of the best in the sport. I am speaking of Ric Flair.

Flair may not always go by the book, but you've got to admit that it takes guts to wrestle almost



Our story forecasting the demise of NWA tag team champions Don Kernodle and Sgt. Slaughter was off-base, writes Jean-Yvon Sumian.

every night. Flair doesn't wrestle unknowns; he faces off each night against strong local and regional champions. The man flies all over the world to defend his title.

Ric Flair may be a so-called "rulebreaker," but he definitely deserves the NWA title.

> DAVID FLOREY Vincent, AL

#### RIDICULOUS STORY

I had to laugh when I read the story on NWA tag team champions Sgt. Slaughter and Don Kernodle in your Spring 1983 issue of Sports Review Wrestling Annual ("NWA Tag Team Champions Kernodle And Slaughter: Will The Chain Of Command Break Down?").

For anyone to even suggest that there might be any trouble between Slaughter and Kernodle is totally ridiculous. I mean, these two men are a pair of fighting machines. When they step into the ring, opponents step back in fear.

To say that "Slaughter and Kernodle are getting closer and closer to the breaking point" and that their personalities will prevent them from holding on to the belts is pathetic. In fact, my prediction is that Slaughter and Kernodle will set a record for the longest NWA tag team title reign in history.

Your magazine ought to be ashamed of itself.

JEAN-YVON SUMIAN Toronto, Canada



Chick Donovan, according to Lisa Cantley, is a nice man and should not be judged solely on his wrestling style.

#### WRESTLER WITH HEART

Chick Donovan was recently on tour in my hometown. I had the honor of meeting with and talking to him. I talked to him long enough to know that he is a really nice person.

The "Golden Boy" has a great personality for which he deserves more credit than what he is getting. A lot of people probably don't like Chick because he is a rulebreaker in the ring. But people who haven't met him really don't have the right to judge him. Just remember: He has a great personality, and that's what counts.

LISA CANTLEY South Charleston, WV (Continued on page 65) Skinny Men and Women

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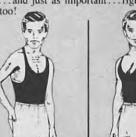




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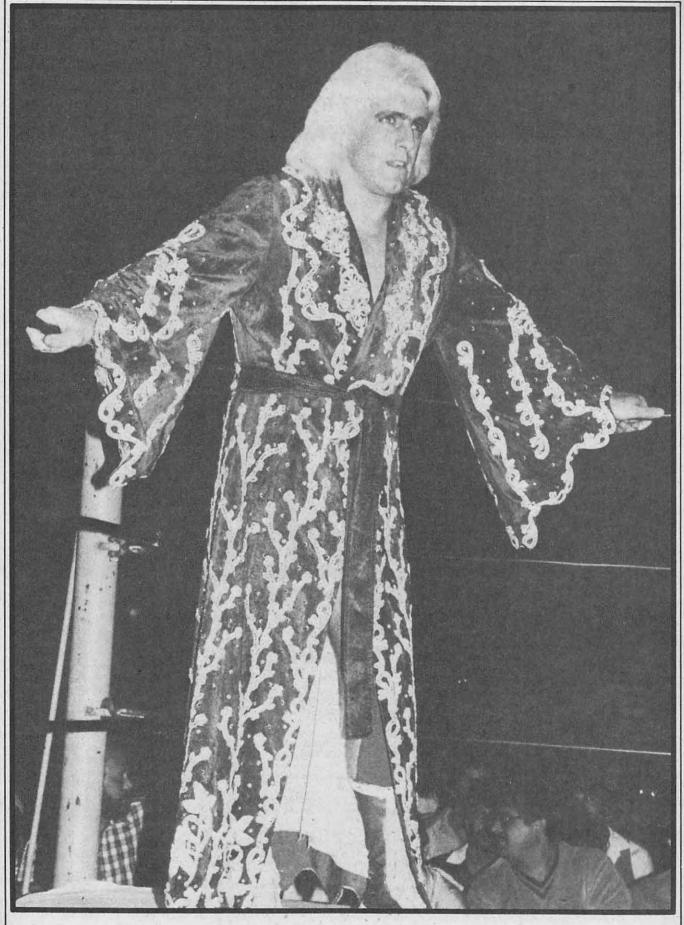
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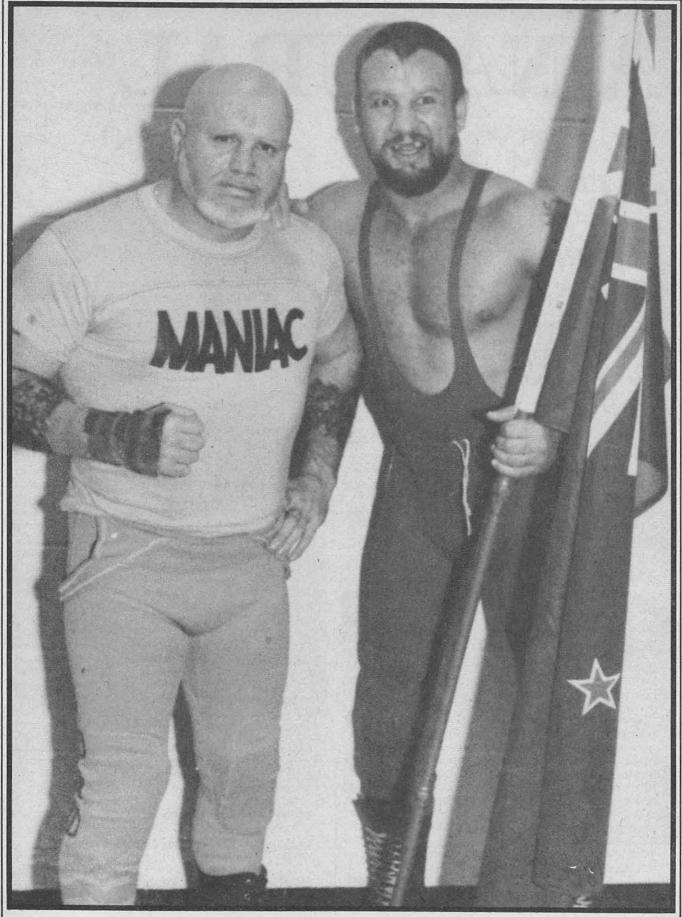
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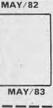




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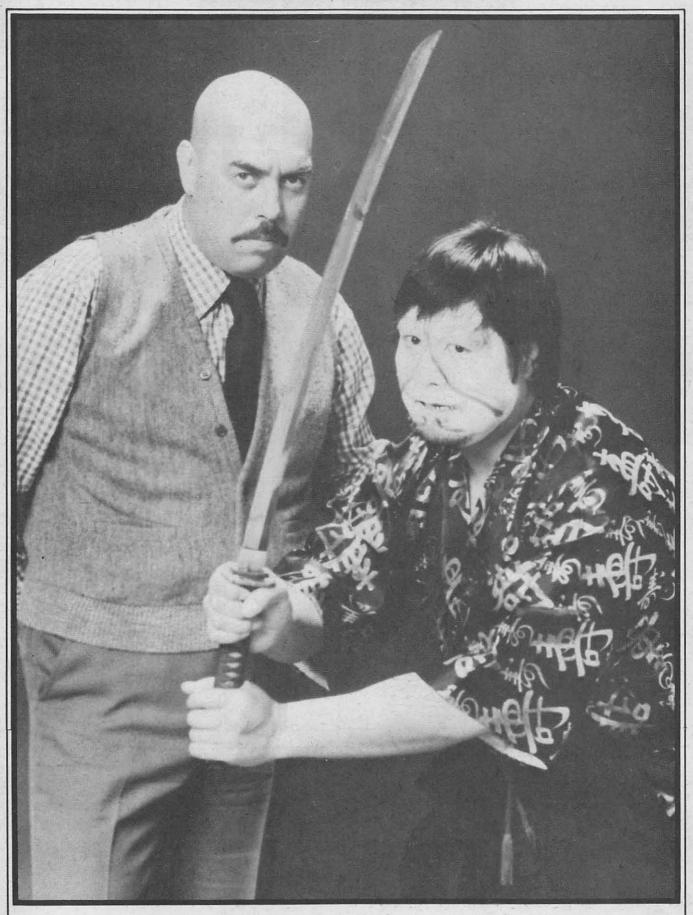
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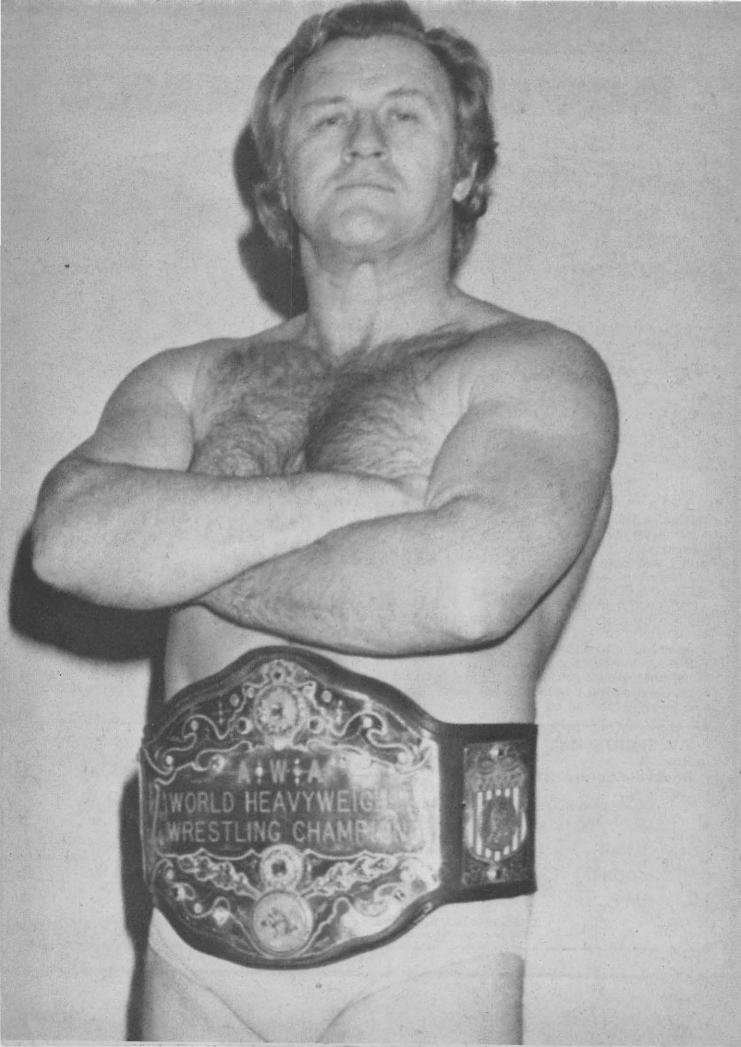
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THE REIGN OF Nick Bockwinkel as AWA champion is just beginning again. After recapturing his belt from Otto Wanz, the once and present champion has proven again that he is the dominant force in AWA. It will take a special man to defeat him again and keep him from regaining his crown.

At the same time, there is the sense that Bockwinkel is ready to fall. These two thoughts may seem contradictory to those who don't understand wrestling. Those who make their living at the sport understand without being able to explain. As Rick Martel has said, "After beating Wanz, Bockwinkel looked invincible. Yet, for some reason, the top challengers are feeling hungrier than ever. You can't see it, but you can feel Bockwinkel is tiring. His manager, Bobby Heenan, looks more scared each match. They may be playing us for suckers, but I don't think so. Too many of us feel they really think the reign is ending."

Martel and the many others who agree with him base their view on instinct rather than facts. There is much to be gained, however, by examining the facts. In the following pages, we are going to analyze each of the 10 top AWA contenders and discuss each man's chances of winning the title. Because the facts have to be tempered with instinct, we've relied on top journalists rather than computers to do the analysis. There are some things human beings can still do better than machines.

One need only attend an AWA title match to sense there is something special in the air; one can almost touch the excitement. What follows are the 10 top reasons for that excitement.

Martel flattens Mr. Saito with a flying bodypress. Martel's wrestling mastery and speed, in combination with the support he receives from the fans, has pushed the Canadian into the number one challenger's spot.

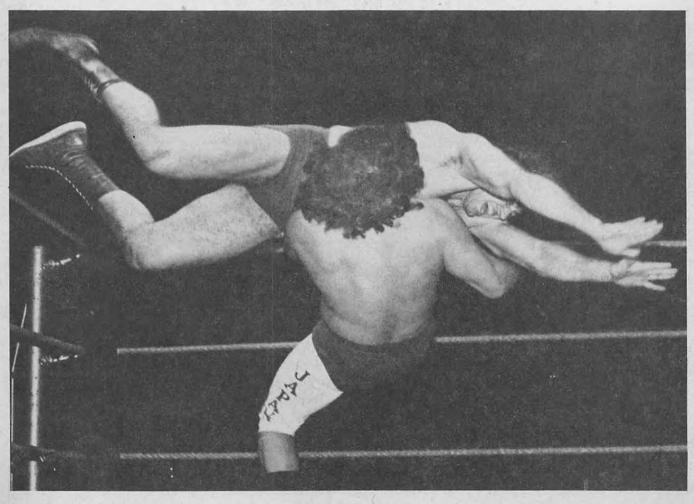
#### #1-RICK MARTEL

This young star keeps improving with each match. He is ranked number one because his style has proven most difficult for Bockwinkel to conquer. When Martel wrestles for the AWA title, one senses he expects to win.

Rick is a superb athlete perhaps still a year away from his peak. If he has any fault, it is the impatience of youth. Bockwinkel has escaped his holds time and again when Rick rushes to get the pin. Both Heenan and Bockwinkel realize that as soon as Rick can control his enthusiasm, the AWA title could very easily switch hands.

It is Rick's speed that most confounds Bockwinkel. Nick is a professional, able to handle the powerful opponents; he may be the best in the world at turning a man's strength against himself. Rick's liquid moves tend to confuse Bockwinkel; he is always half a second behind. In wrestling, that time could be fatal.

Rick's popularity also works in his favor. Bockwinkel is used to crowds cheering for his opponent, but the adoration fans feel for Rick is something special. Nick will never become accustomed to that outpouring of affection. The delighted cheers rattle Nick more than he cares to admit, and that could make the difference in a close match.

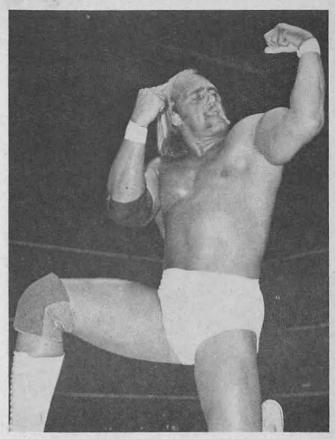


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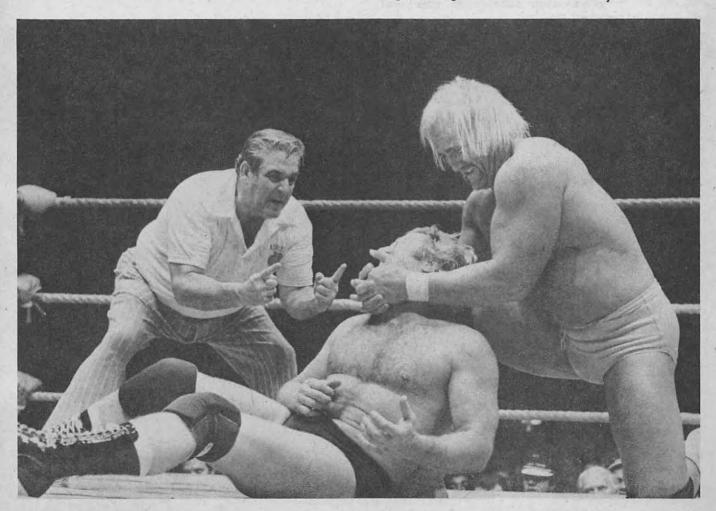
If one needed to name Hogan's most important attribute, it would have to be his unpredictability. Despite his awesome size and strength (Hogan stands 6'8" and weighs 320 pounds), analysts are most impressed by his ability to execute the unexpected.

Hogan uses maneuvers no man has ever attempted. Maneuvers only a wondrously conditioned grappler could attempt. Even top wrestlers admit they would be exhausted or crippled trying to copy Hogan's routine. Of course, only a man of Hogan's immense size and strength would dare use those strategies. Heenan has admitted staying up nights trying to figure out the rhyme and reason to Hogan's unorthodox methods.

Fans, naturally, are awed by Hogan's size and strength. He is among the most powerful men in the sport. As he is able to use this strength to its optimum effectiveness, he is very dangerous to any opponent. Bockwinkel is indeed fortunate that he is brilliant at countering an opponent's strength. Many experts believe Hogan could defeat any challenger on the horizon if he won the belt. Bockwinkel, they say, should be his toughest opponent.



Hulk Hogan moves in from behind Bockwinkel, locks his chin, and drives a knee into his back. Nick is not as bothered by Hogan's strength as he is his unorthodox style.



Lawler, not a large man, uses leverage to bring Bockwinkel to the mat. The champion's manager, Bobby Heenan, rates Lawler as Bockwinkel's smartest challenger.

#### **#3**—JERRY LAWLER

If one was to choose the most cunning man in the AWA, the choice would be Jerry Lawler. He is the kind of wrestler who is never caught offguard. Even new strategies don't confound him. Someone once said, "Lawler won't battle for the AWA belt. He'll con his way to the title."

Some believe that of all the top challengers, Jerry has the least natural ability. Whatever he has won has been earned. Willpower has made him into a leading contender. He is a better grappler than nature ever intended him to be.

Don't be confused by Lawler's seeming arrogance and casual attitude. That's his way of keeping the fans and opponents confused. He works very hard at his craft. Ask Heenan. The manager knows it takes flawless execution to defeat Lawler. Heenan has said no one can be smarter than Lawler. The only way to beat him is to be better. Wrestling insiders believe Bockwinkel works harder to prepare for Lawler than for any other opponent. He has no choice in the matter. Bockwinkel's mental concentration must be at its sharpest for Lawler. Any fatigue could mean disaster.

Heenan has more respect for Lawler than for any other contender.



#### #4-WAHOO McDANIEL

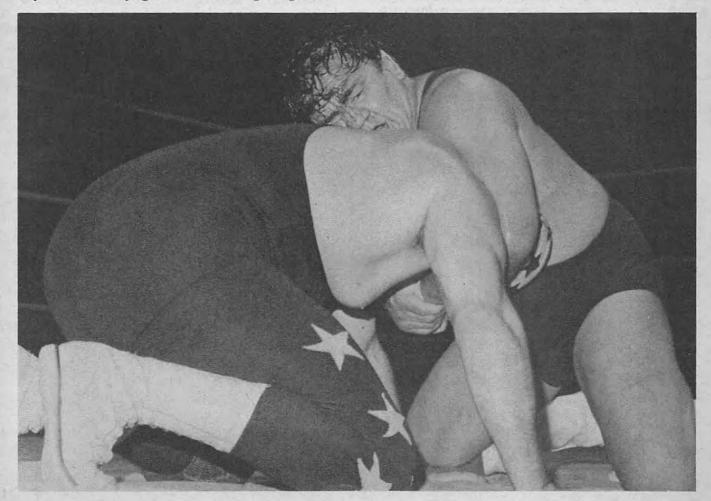
If every wrestling match lasted at least two days and there were no referees, Wahoo McDaniel would be the undisputed champion of the world. The man has the power and stamina of Niagara Falls. He may not be pretty, but he's a relentless competitor.

Wahoo is always a threat, but Bockwinkel doesn't fear him a great deal. This is a mistake on Bockwinkel's part, as Wahoo's ferocity can be explosive. Nick reasons that he is best against men who rely totally on their power, and Wahoo wrestles with the sensibilities of a bull. He can employ complex strategies but rarely can stick to them through an entire match. The man is a brawler, perhaps the best of that breed. Bockwinkel should never be complacent against the best of any type of wrestler. McDaniel's best chance at taking the title will be if Bockwinkel fails to take Wahoo seriously.

Bockwinkel's best chance against Wahoo is to taunt him into getting disqualified. That's a painful way to keep the title, but Nick has already shown himself willing to make that sacrifice. If McDaniel can keep his temper, for what might be the only time in his career, he could take the AWA title. Everyone agrees Wahoo is the man most responsible for keeping him from realizing his goal.



Wahoo McDaniel can brawl from beginning to end without letting up. Bockwinkel would be making a fatal error underestimating Wahoo's stamina and will to win. McDaniel must, however, control his temper if he is to have any chance of beating Bockinkel.



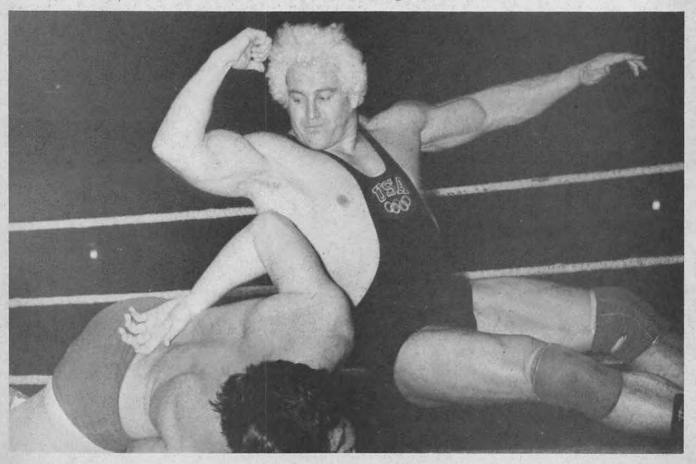
Patera-aims his elbow at Ted DiBiase's kidney. The former Olympic weightlifter has recently expressed interest in challenging Bockwinkel, even though both men are managed by Heenan.

#### #5-KEN PATERA

Considered one of Bockwinkel's closest professional friends, Ken Patera seems an unlikely challenger for the AWA title. Those who felt that failed to reckon with Patera's ambition.

Recently, Ken has demanded a title shot against Bockwinkel. This has caused considerable trouble. Both are managed by the same man, Bobby Heenan. If a title shot is in the offing, Heenan would have to choose between his two wrestlers. Everyone assumes he will be in Bockwinkel's corner. This may mean a temporary or permanent rift between Heenan and Patera, the consequences of which are sure to be violent. At the same time, Heenan may hesitate to illegally savage Patera as Bobby has been known to do against Nick's other opponents. Most analysts feel, however, that Heenan's loyalties to Bockwinkel and his greed for the AWA belt will compel him to brutalize Patera as he would any other hapless victim.

Naturally, Patera's incredible strength makes him a feared challenger to any champion. No one doubts that he has the raw ability and drive to take the title from Bockwinkel. If he can bury his feelings of friendship for Bockwinkel, he could be the new champion. If that happens, it will be interesting to see who will be his manager.

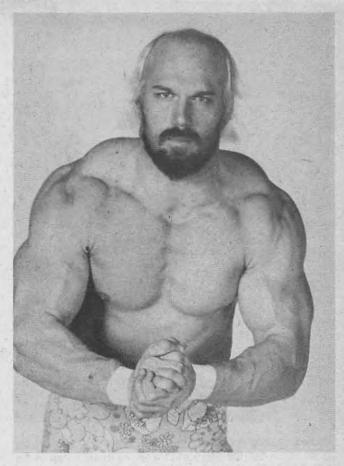


#### **#6**—JESSE VENTURA

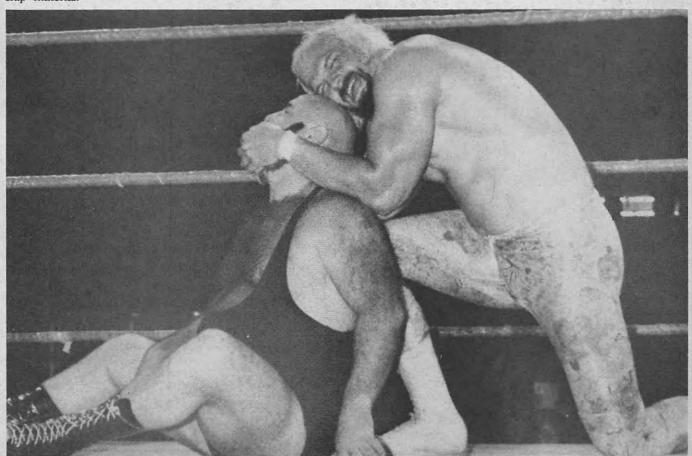
When asked about a challenge from Ventura, Bockwinkel said, "Jesse is strong, smart, and meaner than an ugly woman at three in the morning. He isn't championship material, though."

Most analysts tend to to agree with Bockwinkel, though all agree he has the potential to be a future champion. At the moment, his ego is greater than his ambition. The man has risked any number of victories by employing dangerous and difficult maneuvers rather than easily go for the pin. He wants to impress even more than he wants victory. The truly cunning opponent will wait for an opening and finish off Ventura.

There is some speculation that Ventura wants to be managed by Heenan, but Bobby will only, at this point, advise him in an unofficial capacity. Heenan, insiders believe, doesn't think Ventura will follow orders. Rather than commit himself to this headstrong athlete, Heenan is keeping his distance. Everyone agrees Ventura needs a manager's strong hand to stop his grandstanding. It should be remembered that even Freddie Blassie, one of the toughest managers in wrestling history, was unable to totally control Ventura. It is doubtful anyone can control Ventura. Until he wants to mature, Jesse will remain a very impressive challenger, a half-notch below champion-ship material.



Ventura, punishing Mad Dog Vachon from behind, is plagued by his desire to showboat in the ring. When he devotes all his attention to wrestling, he has the ability to beat anyone.



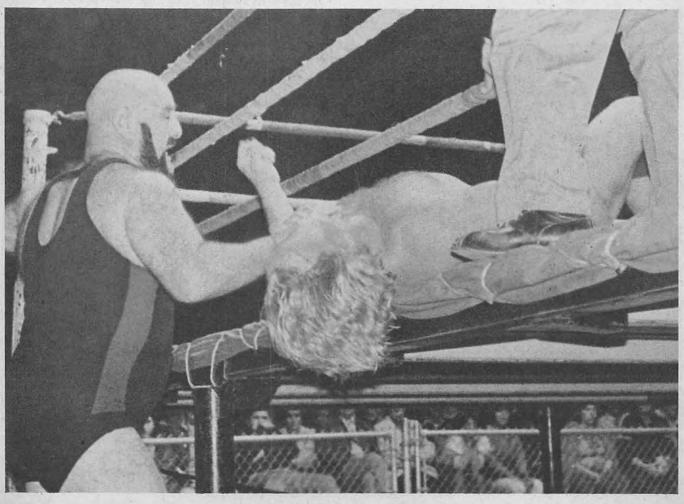
Vachon, choking Bockwinkel from outside the ring, is at a point in his career that the title doesn't mean as much to him as the fun of being involved in a good one-on-one brawl.

#### #7-MAD DOG VACHON

When it comes to tough veterans, there are few as experienced and feared as Mad Dog Vachon. After years of being one of the sport's most feared rulebreakers, Mad Dog has become a fan favorite. Affection may have made him a nicer person, but he's still one tough brawler when he gets in the ring.

Though most people don't figure him to be a major threat to Bockwinkel, he always has an outside chance. He may be the only competitor with more knowledge of the sport than Heenan. Mad Dog can, when the occasion arises, wrestle with complex intelligence, but he rarely bothers. At this point in his career, he's in it for the action and the fun. He may not even want the responsibilities of being champion. Most people agree he'd work harder at winning the title if it didn't mean he'd have to be champion.

Many people feel Mad Dog will be the man who makes it possible for someone else to win the title. The reckless veteran will batter Bockwinkel so badly that the next man who faces the champion will win. Mad Dog won't mind. He'll have enjoyed the brawl.



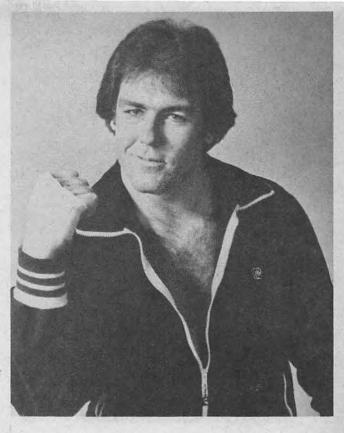
#### #8-TULLY BLANCHARD

Although relatively young, Tully Blanchard's ring style reflects the experience and knowledge of a veteran rule-breaker. When Blanchard steps into the ring against an opponent, whether it is a man of the precise skills of Mil Mascaras or a wrestler willing to brawl such as Mike Graham, Blanchard always makes an impression on both the fans and his opponent.

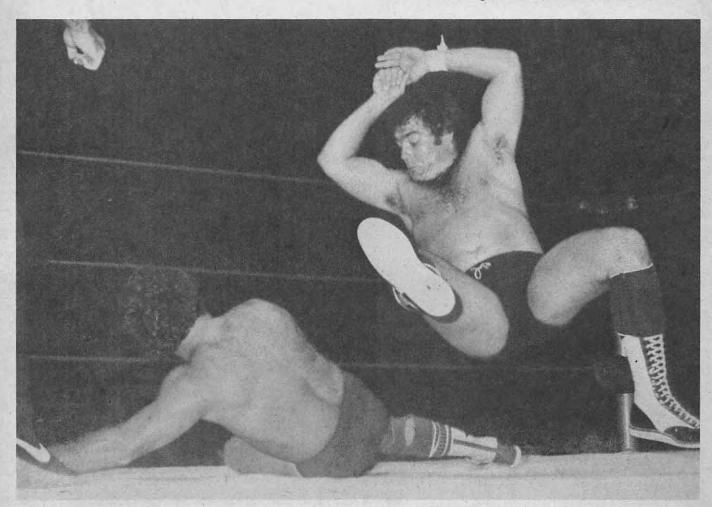
Incredibly, Blanchard has yet to reach his peak as a wrestler. Several years ago, Blanchard shared an apartment with Terry Funk, which in turn led to Blanchard's sharing of training sessions with both Terry and Dory Funk Jr.

Indeed, many observers have compared Blanchard's ring style with that of the Funks. This comparison pleases Blanchard, who looks back on the fact that both Terry and Dory Funk Jr. have held the NWA heavyweight title.

Wrestling analysts believe that Blanchard might someday be able to capture the AWA title but that his volatile personality and ring style would prevent him from holding on to it for very long.



Blanchard's style, which was formulated while he was training with the Funk brothers, could lead him to a victory over Bockwinkel. But how long would it allow him to retain the title?



Blackwell uses his strength to lift Hulk Hogan for a bodyslam. But Crusher is an extremely versatile wrestler who could surprise Bockwinkel with an aerial attack as well.

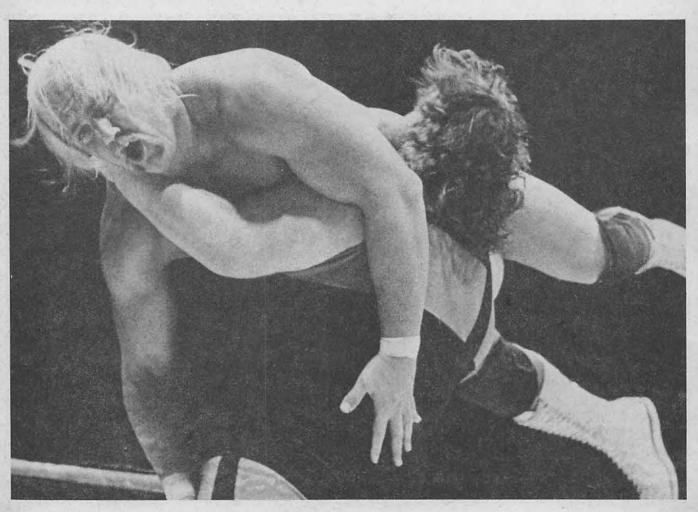
#### #9-CRUSHER BLACKWELL

This behemoth is one of the most remarkable athletes in wrestling history. A man of his gargantuan size is usually slow and clumsy. Blackwell is supernaturally fast for his size and moves with astonishing grace. He is also one of the most fearsome men in the sport.

Blackwell is dangerous in many ways. Opponents fear his cruelty the most. The man is merciless, determined to crush the spirit from his foe's body. Because he weighs 474 pounds, the crushing could be liferal. Blackwell uses his bulk like a weapon.

Analysts believe Blackwell is too cruel to be champion. If he had Bockwinkel in trouble, he'd rather torture the champion than defeat him. Crusher has been known to gladly accept a disqualification if he could send his foe to the hospital. "I'd rather see them get a stretcher for my opponent," he's said, "than see them hand a title belt to me."

Someday, someone will convince Blackwell that his cruelty is against his own best interests. Then you can bet Crusher will be quickly ranked number one instead of number nine, if he doesn't head the ratings column as champion.



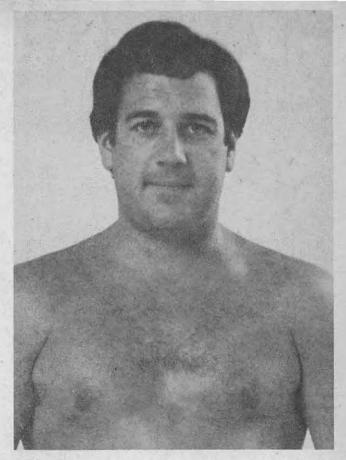
#### **#10**—GREG GAGNE

For too many years, Greg has labored in the shadow of his father, Verne Gagne. Verne was the most successful champion in AWA history. When Greg didn't immediately equal his father's legendary success, people assumed he didn't have the stuff to be champion.

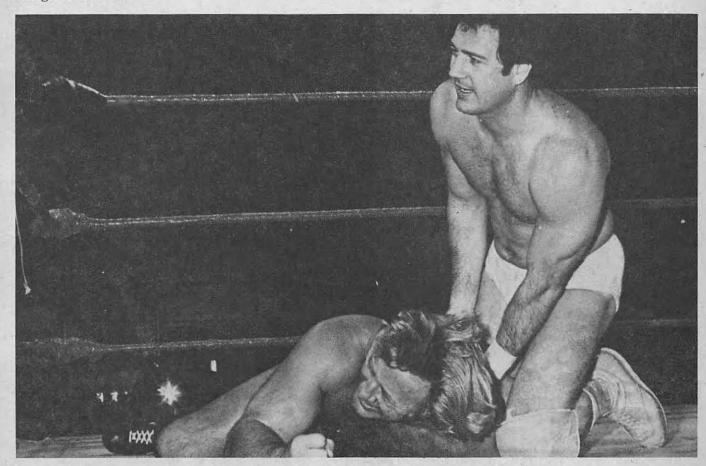
Only those who can separate the two can fully appreciate Greg's extraordinary abilities. He is swift, strong, and intelligent. He is also a scrupulously scientific wrestler. He's like the man who would rather be right than President; he wouldn't want the title if it meant he had to bend the rules to get it.

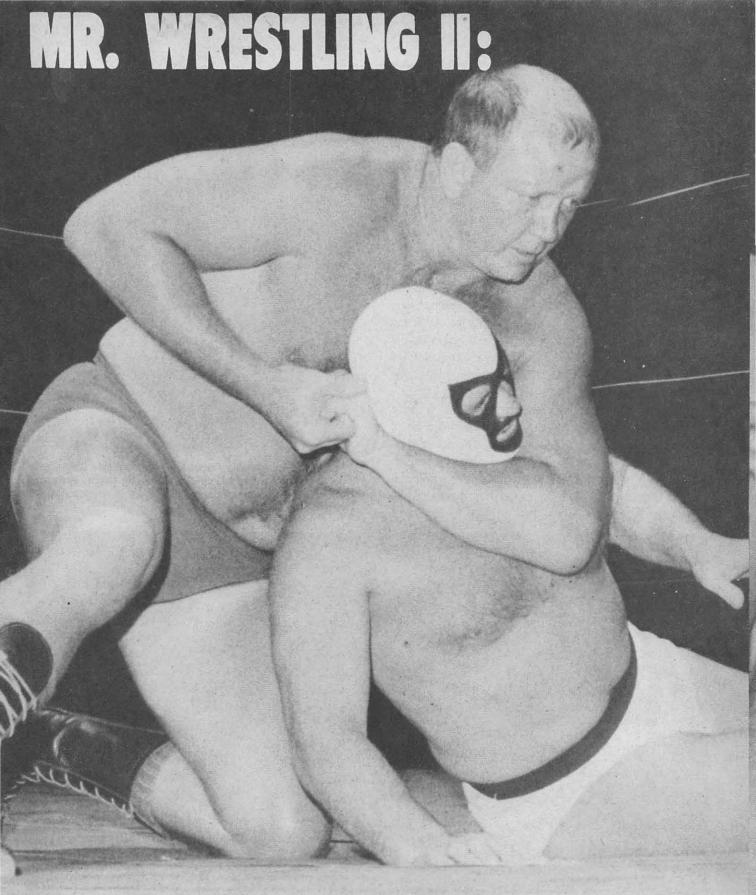
Over the past year, Greg has finally emerged as his own man. He has gained more confidence wrestling alone than he ever had before. Though he holds the AWA tag team title with Jim Brunzell, Greg has also begun to feel comfortable wrestling solo. The improved quality of his latest matches show he may still be several years away from his peak.

Interestingly enough, Bockwinkel fears him a great deal. When asked where he would put Greg on a list of his toughest challengers, Nick admitted, "No lower than four. I don't know how good he can be, and I'd hate to find out in a title match. Too many people have underestimated Gagne for too long. I respect him. I respect him enough to hate him."



Many wrestlers over the years have underestimated Greg Gagne because they have compared him with Verne Gagne. Greg himself his a superb competitor, and Bockwinkel is very much aware of that.



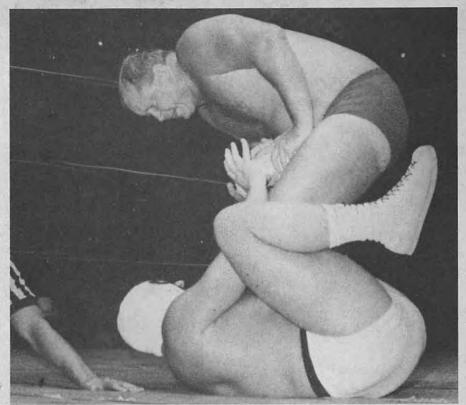


"WHEN DID DORY FUNK JR. BECOME MY ENEMY?" R. WRESTLING II folded his hands and stared off toward some spot on the greenish-blue walls.

"I'll give you two examples which'll really convey my past relationships with Terry and Dory Funk Jr., and why I'm hurt by Dory's savage actions," said II.

"Whenever I'd wrestle Terry, the bout would turn into this roughhouse brawling kind of match. He never liked me and rebuffed all my efforts at friendship. You don't have to hate the man you're wrestling. One time we passed each other on the street, he muttered something, I retorted, and before long there were two squad cars keeping us apart," recalled II.

"Absolutely no respect existed between us. On the other hand, Dory and I had this relationship which allowed us to respect each other as wrestlers and men. While



Their matches have always been hard-fought, long, and evenly-matched. But there were always signs of respect between the two. Dory Funk Jr. has apparently lost that respect. Funk attempts a spinning toehold (above).

Life leads men down strange, perilous paths. Even mutual respect cannot survive the ravages of jealousy and personal ambition. Dory Funk Jr. and Mr. Wrestling II once respected and liked each other, however grudgingly. No more

our bouts were far from tranquil, we never put down the other or resorted to cheap, filthy tricks. They were tough and clean bouts. And afterwards, we'd run into each other and be nice, say hello, 'wasn't that a helluva match,' you know what I mean," said II, smiling tightly.

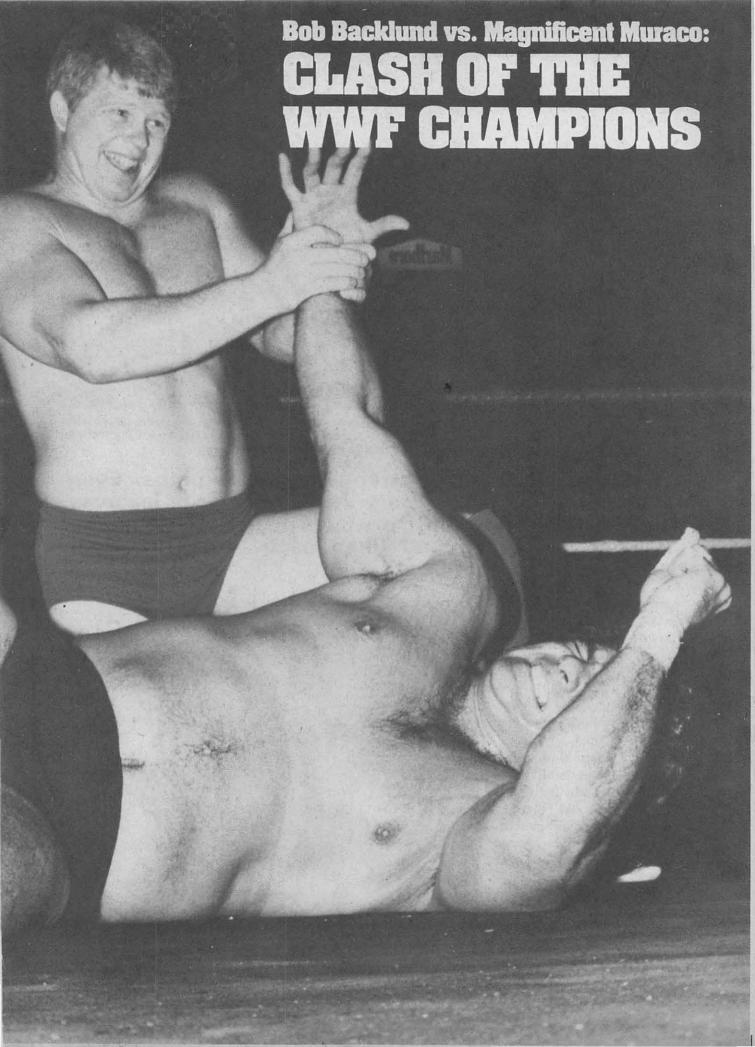
"All of a sudden, Dory comes into Atlanta and mouths off. Takes cheap shots left and right. What happened? Why would Dory say those things and turn our matches into disgusting alley fights? When did Dory Funk Jr. become my enemy?"

Two factors contribute to the marked decline in the Dory Funk-Mr. Wrestling II relationship. One is quite obvious.

"I don't like any fool pounding (Continued on page 50)



Funk contemplates his next move after being caught in Wrestling II's armbar. The intensity that marked their bouts in the past has been replaced by Funk's hatred and cruelty.



THOUGH HE WORE dark sunglasses, one could sense the fire in Magnificent Muraco's eyes as he spoke on television about his upcoming match with WWF champion Bob Backlund.

"For an hour!" Muraco screamed, referring to a match with Bob Backlund that took place in August of 1981. "For an hour we stayed in that ring, toe to toe, belly to belly, and abused each other. I'm talking abuse, brother, the kind of abuse that makes the sweat pour off of your head the way water pours over Niagara Falls. The kind of abuse that makes you angry, and makes you want to come back for more.

"We battled and fought and traded punches and blows and we kept going," Muraco continued with drama in his voice as the television camera zoomed in for a closeup shot of his face. "You know what happened? Of course you know what happened, everyone knows what happened. We battled to a one-hour draw. Do you know how many times Madison Square Garden has seen a one-hour draw? People can't remember the last time there was a one-hour draw in Madison Square Garden.

"But this time, friends, this time there will be a victory. Bob Backlund knows it. He realizes that he has never beaten me, and that realization is burning like a raging inferno in the depths of his very soul! He has to beat me, he has to prove to himself that he can defeat me. But he can't, and that's a fact of life that will eventually destroy Bob Backlund!"

Magnificent Muraco is one man who speaks his mind when he is interviewed, and the fact that he recently regained the Intercontinental championship from Pedro Morales served to strengthen his egocentric monologue.

But all questions of ego aside, Muraco is a sensational wrestler. He is able to devise brand-new moves on the spot to deal with virtually any situation that arises. Incredibly versatile, he is widely viewed as one of Bob Backlund's most difficult challenges ever, a judgment that the one-hour draw in 1981 served to uphold.

Muraco and Backlund's recent match in Madison Square Garden pitted champion against champion in the kind of a match that, years from now, fans will be able to look back on and say with pride, "I was there."



WWF champion Bob Backlund wrenches the arm of intercontinental champion Magnificent Muraco in the latest in their series of classic matches.

The two combatants started out in championship form. Both Muraco and Backlund decided to attempt to seize an early advantage. The skills of one man countered the skills of the other, and neither man was able to gain a significant lead.

Backlund and Muraco traded maneuvers and holds, using a variety of armlocks and headlocks on each other. Each man wrestled to maximum capacity, holding back nothing in his repertoire of moves.

Indeed, both Backlund and Muraco surprised many observers by utilizing the abdominal stretch, a hold that is seldom seen during Backlund's title defenses.

Several minutes into the match, both Backlund and Muraco had collapsed on the canvas.

Referee Jack Lotz stood over the fallen wrestlers and began the standard 10-count. Several times, as Lotz approached 10, one of the two exhausted wrestlers would muster enough strength to attack the other man with an elbowsmash or a kneedrop or a headlock.

Suddenly, Muraco exploded in an unexpected attack on Backlund, an attack that was halted only when Muraco hurled Backlund through the ropes and onto the concrete floor surrounding the ring.

As Backlund attempted to reenter the ring, Muraco knocked him off the ring apron and back to the concrete floor. Smug, self-satisfied, Muraco was pleased that he was able to prevent Backlund sev(Continued on page 48)

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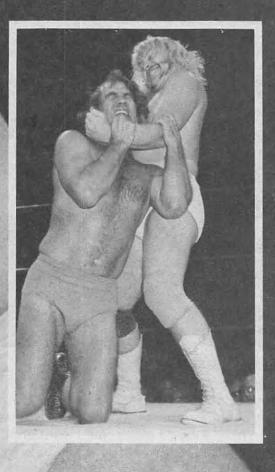
It was the match that every fan of WWF wrestling was waiting for: Magnificent Muraco, who recently regained the Intercontinental championship, took on WWF heavyweight champion Bob Backlund. It was an exciting rematch of their memorable meetings of a year and a half ago, a rematch that proved to be memorable in its own right

BRYAN ST. JOHN:





Punk or future champion?
Experts still disagree vehemently
on Bryan St. John's future.
Opponents have reached a consensus,
however. They acknowledge
St. John uses holds
last seen in Neanderthal caves



S WAGGERING INTO THE room, Bryan St. John looks to see if people notice him. It'll be awhile before he's assured of his celebrity status. He's young yet and notoriety is something new. Soon, he'll pretend to be bored with it.

Right now, he's living in the best of all possible worlds. The world is feeding his ego, a meal from which St. John may never get his fill. Most people find Bryan St. John a conceited young punk. Bryan finds most people beneath contempt.

"I'm the greatest wrestler in years," St. John states, "maybe the greatest wrestler ever. Let's face it. The guys wrestling today have no imagination, no genius, no nothing. Watch them against me. They're pathetic. It's criminal that I don't have better opponents.

"One of these days, I'm going to own wrestling. I mean own the whole thing. I can take any of them. Have you ever seen anyone better than me? Ever?"

Though the desire is strong, it's impossible to turn away from Bryan St. John. He has that magnetism that is found in those who can back up their bragging with accomplishment. His ego seems to power his ability. There's a strange fascination one feels while watching him. It's the kind of fascination felt when seeing any ruthless conqueror.

Perhaps ruthless is the wrong word. He doesn't hate his opponents; they don't figure in his world at all. To St. John, his foes are just tools to demonstrate his greatness. One might as well accuse a sculptor of hating his marble.

A man like St. John requires no affirmation of his abilities from peers. If they agree, fine. If not, they're consigned to the junk pile of ignorance.

"How can anyone not recognize my greatness? It's

like someone knocking a Michelangelo or the Mona Lisa. Can't be done. You gotta accept genius on face value," said St. John.

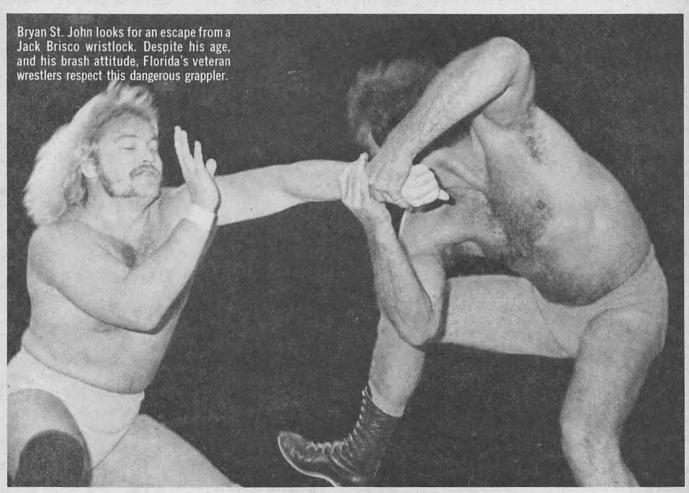
"Besides, most of the wrestlers I meet have the brains of over-cooked broccoli. Everytime I step into the ring, they shrink and mutter. I reduce the clods to, well, they're speechless, what can I say?" St. John continued.

Despite his youth, St. John is preparing for his future.

hands and knees for an endorsement from Bryan St. John. And a couple of lames from the coast want me to endorse a line of soft drinks, something like Kool-Aid for the mature, mellow crowd," said Bryan.

Already, St. John's casual cruelty is becoming legend in Florida wrestling. One story describes how St. John took a child's autograph book and shredded it, stomping the fragments of paper and

wrestlers. I gave him an honest answer. More than those guys do," said St. John. "I told the writer that Sweet Brown Sugar is old salt far as I'm concerned, how Harley Race is over-the-hill and sliding into the gulley, that Dusty Rhodes moves like a paraplegic sheep dog, and that Jack and Jerry Brisco would put a world at war to sleep. Was I lying? No, I speak the truth, straight from the shoulder. People don't like to hear the truth."



"Yeah, I'm lining up a deal with Table Mirror Company. They put out these floor-length mirrors and they want a good-looking guy with brains to go on televison and do commercials," St. John said, smiling. "Course, they had to ante up for someone like me. They're not the only ones begging me to do commercials.

"I got a surfing company which is going down on its throwing it at the kid.

"I did not," said St. John, with little conviction. "These punk kids are bothering me all the time. Wish they'd leave me alone with their idiotic questions."

Another story has St. John spreading derogatory rumors about fellow wrestlers.

"Know how that started? Some punk writer asked me what I thought about Florida Or St. John's version of that truth. Among the Florida wrestling community, St. John's name is greeted with contempt.

"A bum," said Rhodes.

"Cheap and dirty, bad for wrestling," was Sugar's assessment.

"I'd like to meet him in an alley," said Jack Brisco.

Everyone is after Bryan St. John, rookie punk.

### The Night Of The Mask

IT WAS PUBLICIZED for weeks as the "Night of the Mask," but it will forever be remembered as the "Night of Decision." For it was on February 9, 1983, at the Miami Beach Convention Hall that The Midnight Rider defeated Ric Flair, but had to make a choice between the NWA title and revealing his secret identity.

Because of the enormous controversy surrounding the match (Florida manager J.J. Dillon offered \$50,000 to Ric Flair if he could unmask the Rider), NWA President Bob Geigel served as special referee.

After the Rider won the match, he was ordered by Geigel to unmask, in accordance with NWA regulations. The Rider, preferring to protect his identity, refused. As a result, Geigel returned the belt to Flair and declared the match null and void. As far as the NWA is concerned, the match never took place. As far as The Midnight Rider and Ric Flair are concerned, the match remains a grueling study in wrestling excellence. You can see for yourself on the pages that follow.

But the "Night of the Mask" held much more excitement for wrestling fans.

Global tag team champions The Fabulous Kangaroos took on former champions Scott McGhee and Terry Allen.

Mike Graham placed his Florida heavyweight title on the line in a scheduled match against Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin. Garvin failed to show, and a coin toss in the dressing room determined that Kanga-



Few people in Florida thought the suspension of Dusty Rhodes and the simultaneous arrival of The Midnight Rider was coincidental. The Rider would get his chance to wrestle for the NWA title on the "Night of the Mask."

roo Don Kent would challenge Graham for the belt.

Roddy Piper made his 1983 Miami Beach debut in a match against the masked Mr. New York. Piper unmasked Mr. New York, and you'll be as surprised as Piper was to learn the identity of the man under the mask.

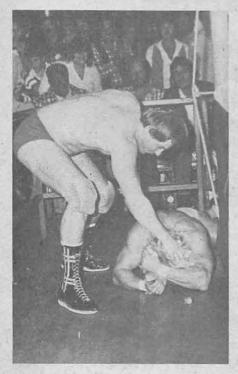
A special challenge match pitted Ron Bass and Rufus R. Jones against Bad Leroy Brown and King Kong Mosca.

Also, in a special Bunkhouse Match, Kevin Sullivan and Jake Roberts tangled with Barry Windham and Andre the Giant.

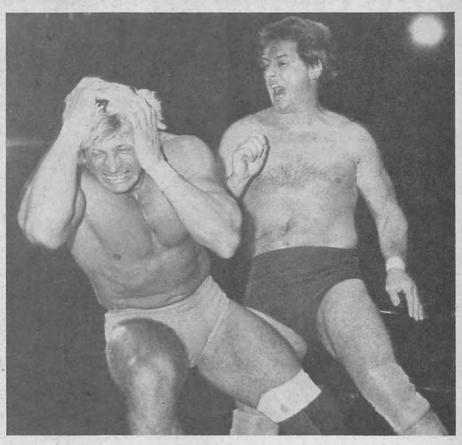
It was a memorable night of wrestling in Miami, and Sports Review Wrestling Annual is proud to present you with this ringside seat for the "Night of the Mask."

# A WRESTLING SPECTACULAR IN MIAMI

#### RODDY PIPER VS. MR. NEW YORK



Roddy Piper scored a double-edged victory. First he beat Mr. New York, then he unmasked him (above) to reveal the face of an embarrassed Chick Donovan (right).

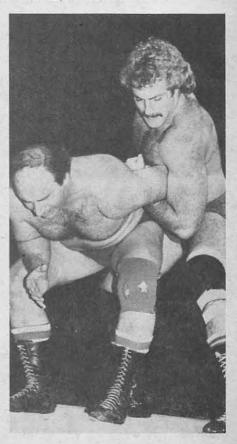


#### THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS VS. TERRY ALLEN AND SCOTT McGHEE

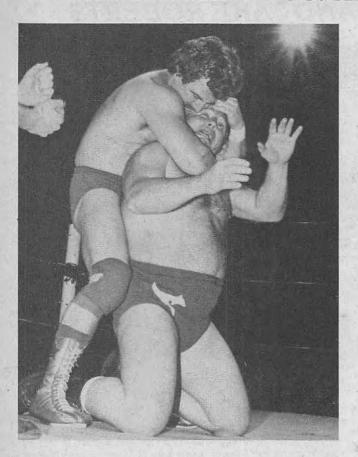


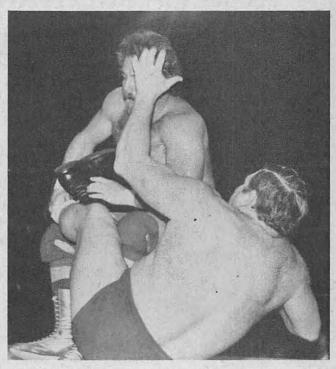


Scott McGhee stuns Johnny Hefferman with a flying headscissors (left) and follows up by applying an armbar (above). Terry Allen locks up Hefferman's arm (right). The match ended in a draw after the 20-minute time limit expired.



#### MIKE GRAHAM VS. KANGAROO DON KENT



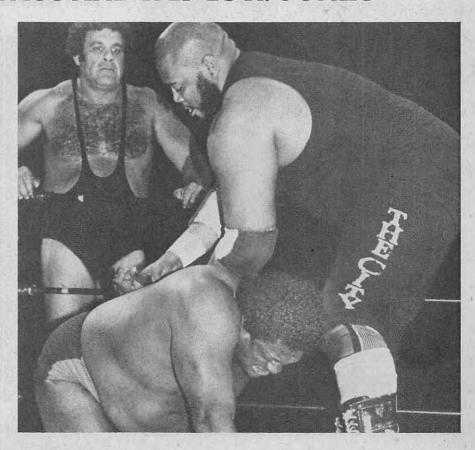


Don Kent, a last-minute substitute for Gorgeous Jim Garvin, escaped Mike Graham's sleeper, but he was weakened by the hold (left). Kent facerakes Graham before the Florida champion can complete his figure-four leglock (above). Mike retained his belt.

#### KING KONG MOSCA AND BAD LEROY BROWN VS. RON BASS AND RUFUS R. JONES



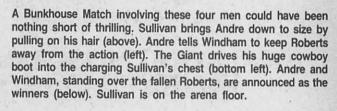
Mosca strangles Rufus R. Jones with the middle rope (above). Brown applies a hammerlock to keep Jones close to his corner (right). Jones and Mosca were later disqualified for excessive double-teaming.



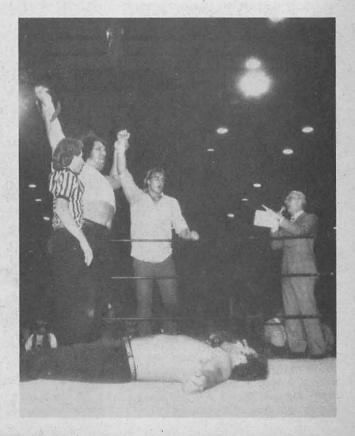
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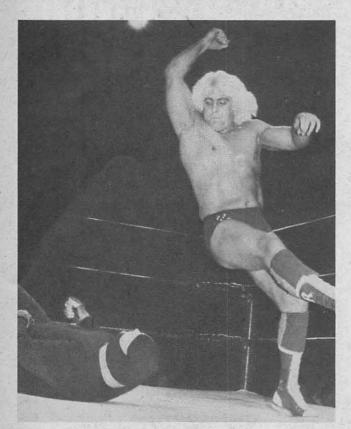


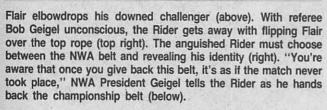






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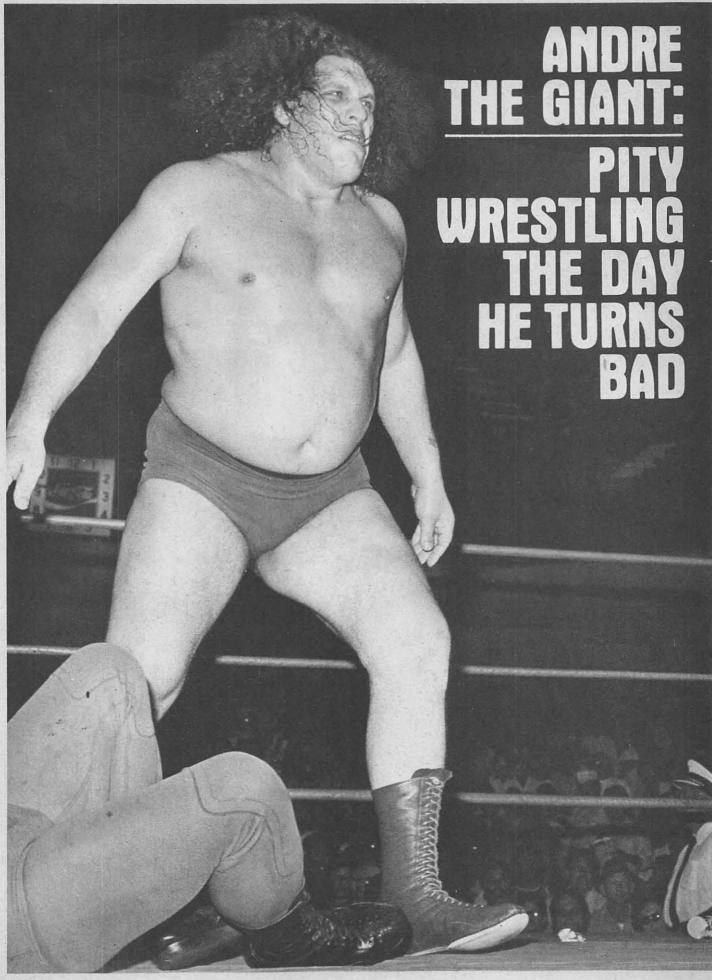












Is it time wrestling thinks the unthinkable? Will Andre the Giant turn his back on the fans and become a rulebreaker, the most fearsome in grappling history? Here is a shocking report that shows what will occur if Andre turns rulebreaker

ONTEMPLATING SUCH A course of action provokes a feeling of fear. It seems grossly unfair. No, go beyond that. It is terrifying.

Many feel that combining such strength and agility in one man is a cruel deception played on wrestling by some higher power. It is a successful deception, proven by Andre the Giant's undefeated record.

But Andre is constrained by his inner decency. Though a master of battle royals and similar feats of devastation, he will not cross that line. A line which others with lesser morals freely trespass. Andre will not hurt an opponent. At times, he exhibits remarkable restraint in his maneuvers if he feels his foe might be seriously injured.

This tenderness is part of Andre. However, what if the tenderness shrivels, his kindness bakes in bitterness so that only savagery remains.

What if Andre's relentless pursuit of the title continues to be fruitless?

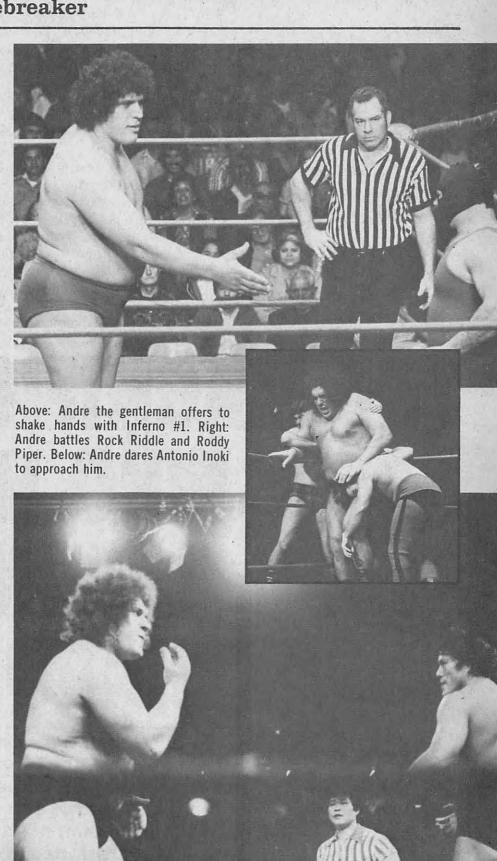
What if Andre the Giant turns rulebreaker?

"I would never become a rulebreaker," Andre said with violent firmness. "I could not betray the principles I have worked so hard to build.

"I have my legions of fans who would never forgive me if I turned bad. No, that is ridiculous speculation."

Is it? Despite Andre's massive size, normal proportions thunder within him. He is sensitive to the same pressures and temptations as a man half his size.

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Jenny's voluptuous body writhes on the plush carpet as Talia brutally chokes and tears at the hapless blonde.

OTHING EVER CAME easy to Talia. She had to earn what many people either take for granted or never achieve. She is neither a natural beauty nor athlete, and her mind is far from exceptional. Yet, driven by an awesome ambition, Talia made herself into an extraordinary woman.

It started in high school. Talia was determined to be prom queen, despite the fact she was far from glamorous. Daily beauty routines, lasting more than an hour a day, shaped her, feature by feature. It was grueling, almost maniacal work. For Talia, the ordeal was worth the trouble; she was overwhelmingly elected prom queen.

After graduation, she made her way to New York. Most women with her background, intelligence, and education would be delighted with secretarial work. Talia was never satisfied with what most women wanted. Within two years she was head of advertising for a string of magazines. Men found it impossible to say no to her.

When the socially prominent New Yorkers took up tennis and skiing as the "in" sport, so did Talia. A gym class disaster throughout her life, Talia worked on becoming an athlete. Exercising, practicing, constantly seeking the greater challenge (she successfully made it down Mt. Snow's "Jaws of Death" slope her third day out), Talia became a superb athlete. She willed it to be so.



Talia's hands become whirlwinds of torture as nails dig into Jenny's alabaster thigh and ankles.

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Talia didn't listen to the description of the match.

Instead, she watched the man's expression as he spoke. She understood how excited the spectacle made him, the wondrous effect two beautiful women in combat had on men. That attention, that control, that admiration excited Talia as

nothing else could ever do. By the time he'd finished, Talia made up her mind.

"How does one get to be an apartment wrestler?"

The man stared carefully at Talia, trying to read from her (Continued on page 54)



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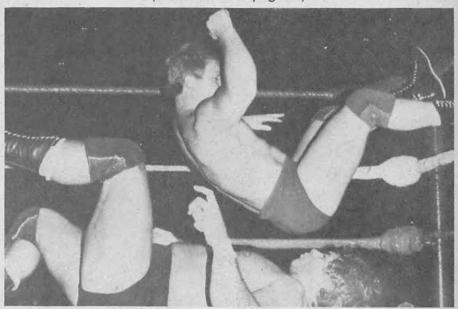
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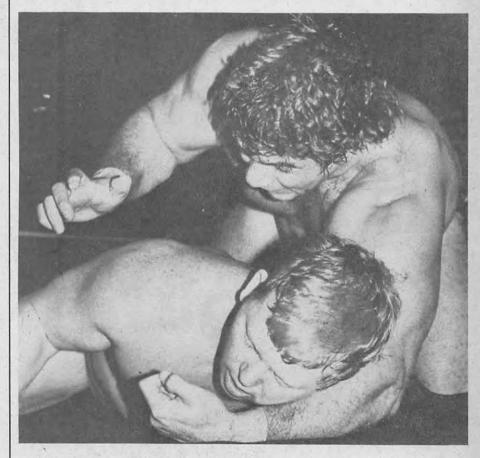
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#### **BACKLUND VS. MURACO**

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Backlund springs backward, aiming his elbow at the fallen Muraco (above). Backlund's face registers both pain and exhaustion as Muraco drives his right knee into the champion's lower back (below).



eral times from entering the ring. He felt he was humiliating Backlund, but he was only serving to anger the WWF champion.

When he finally was able to climb back into the ring, Backlund went berserk. He charged Muraco like a wild animal. When referee Lotz tried to intervene, Backlund shoved him aside and was instantly disqualified. Backlund even shoved Arnold Skoaland when the manager tried to bring him under control.

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Muraco left the ring and made his way back to the dressing room area. He strutted with the self-assurance of a man who had scored a clean victory, despite the fact that he had won by disqualification and thus had not won Backlund's title.

Sweat pouring off his face, Muraco paused near the entranceway to the dreessing room area to grant a postmatch TV interview.



Backlund made a mistake by trying to apply the chicken wing while standing on the ring apron.

In a highly uncharacteristic move. Bob Backlund charged down the aisle and attacked Muraco from behind. It took Jay Strongbow, Salvatore Bellomo, and several security guards to separate the two men.

A no-diqualification rematch was immediately signed. The battle of champions will continue to rage in the WWF.

For Bob Backlund, the toughest part of the battle may be not against Muraco, but against the fiery rage of his own emotions. If he cannot keep them in check, he cannot possibly be at his best. And those would be sad circumstances under which to lose his title.



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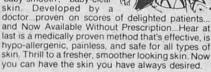
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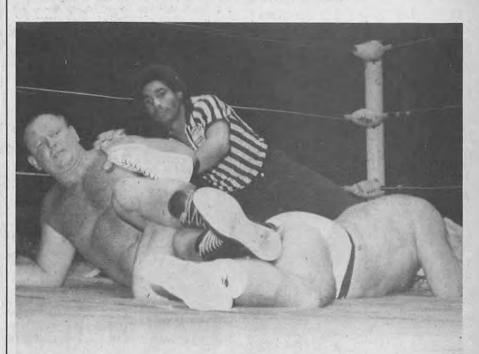
#### MR. WRESTLING II

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my brother Terry," snapped Dory.
"Isn't anyone around as close to me
as Terry and the Funk blood runs
thicker than a Texas river. Bet on
that, man.

"II thought he could get away with taking low blows at Terry.

Well, that day is over, finished, the end, man. From now on, II better watch his hide when he tangles with a Funk 'cause he's got two of us on his hands and one of us with hands tied behind our back could whip that creep."



Funk, a master at inflicting pain, scissors II's legs to add pressure to an overlapping toehold (above). Wrestling II clasps his hands around Funk's neck in an attempt to break a headlock (below).



Yet mere sibling loyalty fails to fully explain Dory's recent ferocious behavior. Not only against II, but in matches against Jack Brisco, Dusty Rhodes and other area wrestlers, Funk's tactics border on the mindless savagery generally found in the likes of Mark Lewin or Abdullah the Butcher.

than I always did," insisted Dory.

been quite a while since Dory Funk Jr. held the world title and the effects of being a perennial contender may finally be exacting a fearsome toll.

Dory won't come right out and admit jealousy. Still, Dory's a proud man, enormously confident of his own abilities. Lesser men (in his opinion) winning titles must gall this talented wrestler.

"Can you tell me how someone like Race stays atop the NWA?" asked Funk. "Beats the hell outta me. And a clod like II somehow staying a fan favorite? Again, can't figure that out.

"My family traditionally ruled wrestling. Titles are my birthright and I'll be damned if any masked idiot stands in my way. Ever. I'll annihilate anyone trying to prevent me from regaining a title.

"I will be world champion again. I don't care what must be done, what sacrifices or who opponents have to be. I'm gonna get the title back in the Funk family where it belongs. That I vow," yelled Dory.

II's reaction typifies the kind, understanding nature of this sincere, complex man.

"I kinda know what Dory's going through," said II. "It's tough always contending without tasting the sweet elixir of championship success. After a while, things build up and explode.

"Look, maybe I'm all wrong, but Dory Funk Jr. has a world of decency. I hold out my hand and promise to forget and forgive. Please tell Dory I said that."

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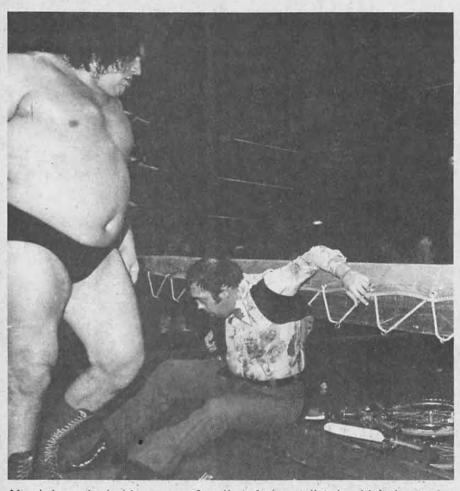
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#### **ANDRE THE GIANT**

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After being ambushed by manager Gary Hart, Andre retaliated and left the attacker sprawled on the floor. It's lucky for Hart that Andre didn't do him permanent injury. If Andre's mercy ever left him, all of wrestling would be at the Giant's mercy!

"How long you think Andre is gonna take this constant frustration?" asked one manager who requested anonymity. "He's got an undefeated record and he just can't get a title. It's getting to him. I think he's moving to the day when he turns bad. I don't care what he says."

Consideration of professional wrestling's state if Andre turns bad is staggering. Going beyond an undefeated record and entering the horrible condition of bloody bedlam scares many wrestling people.

"No one could stop him. When I think of all the times he held up when a guy was about to crack, and then think of Andre showing

no mercy, hell," said a promoter, "it's scary."

"Andre is one of the finest men I know," Dusty Rhodes said. "But I wouldn't want to meet him if he turned rulebreaker. He'd whip and beat on a lot of people before he was through."

This combination of power and skill is called unfair by rulebreakers. As is often the case, their comments are viewed as selfish whining. But what if Bob Backlund complained about Andre instead of Superstar Graham? What if Dusty protested instead of Killer Karl Kox?

"Once scientific wrestlers complain about a huge guy like Andre taking advantage and running wild, you'll hear a different kind of reaction," insisted one Southern promoter. "They can dismiss the mouthing of a rulebreaker, but not a fan favorite. That carries weight.

"But I'm not worried how



Nick Bockwinkle is crushed in Andre's phenomenally agonizing bearhug. The Giant could break a man's ribs.

people react or anything like that. I'm worried about the sport. Andre could be an unstoppable machine. Hell, he could take any belt he'd want. It could turn gory. I just hope he has enough goodness not to ever do that."

As all of us hope. Still, the demands on Andre are overwhelming. As a large person, he is expected to show extraordinary gentleness. He is expected to show restraint in the ring. He is expected to minimize the impact of his size.

Can he any longer? Can this combination of frustration and temptation be thwarted? Pondering an Andre without kindness who won't hold back is one thought promoters both fear and savor.

"He'd sell out the house," admitted one promoter. "He packs them in now, but we'd have to get Grand Canyon to hold all the people. We'd better. It might be the end of wrestling."



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#### AGNIFICENT BEAUTY

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expression exactly what she had in mind. "The easiest way, after you show you can handle yourself, is to get to know someone who can send you to the right people."

"I take it you're one of the right people."

"If I do say so myself."

"And how do you prove you can handle yourself?"

"I'll take your word for it."

"Can I see a match first? If I want to wrestle, you know."

When the film ended, Talia asked, "When can you get me a match?"

"As soon as you want."

"I'll need a month, maybe six weeks."

"Give me two weeks warning."

Two weeks after this conversation, Talia's friend got the warning. The woman figured it would take her two more weeks, a month in all, to get ready. Everything was going according to plan.



"I have a film of a match in my apartment back in the city. Maybe you'd like to come over when we get back and see it."

"Do I also get to see your etchings?"

"That can be arranged, too." "I thought it might."

The evening they arrived back in the city, Talia made her way to the gentleman's apartment. After two minutes, she saw enough of apartment wrestling to feel able to take care of herself. For the remainder of the film, she watched the look on her host's face. The delight in his expression told her she had to be an apartment wrestler.

Above: Talia drives her knee into the small of Jenny's back. Below: Talia tortures Jenny's exquisite body with a horrible, merciless cruelty.



The lady was leaving nothing to chance. She studied films, read books, worked out with women experienced in self-defense and streetfighting, and made her body perform perfectly. The maneuvers didn't come naturally to Talia, but she expected that. Each was an ordeal, but eventually an ordeal overcome. Talia was used to doing things that way.

A day before the match, she took physical inventory. Her legs were supple and lean. She moved with the grace of a tigress. Her stomach was hard



Jenny's ruthlessness is never more apparent than when she batters Talia late in the match. Talia was awed by the assault.

and flat, and the bikini halter she wore gave her freedom of movement. Her arms felt stronger than even before, and her grip was crushing. She moved around her apartment, stretching and flexing her superb body. The movements weren't comfortable, but they were perfect.

"Just a matter of concentration," Talia reminded herself as she thought out every stretch and contraction. It was an exquisite display of the physical.

There was only one thing Talia hadn't considered—her opponent. As the brunette beauty

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worked herself into perfect
condition, a blonde stewardess
was jetting her way back from
Brazil. Jenny, the most splendid
and notorious apartment
wrestler, was returning to New
York to do battle.

Over the years, Jenny has thrilled apartment wrestling spectators. Her majesty is rivaled only by her cruelty. Opponents have wrestled her and then quit the sport, sometimes due to doctors' orders. Jenny can be magnificent and she can be savage. She once said, "There's something inside me that thrills to feel a woman helpless in my clutches, conquering her desperate attempts to escape. It's like watching a boa constrictor kill its prey. Once the snake wraps around its victim, the creature is doomed. Yet, there is maybe 30 minutes of the victim desperately squirming to escape while life is crushed out of it. It's fascinating to watch, knowing the animal will die. For me, apartment wrestling is the same thrill."

A novice is never allowed to wrestle Jenny. But Talia had demanded the best, not suspecting what that would mean. Her "friend" knew exactly what that would mean, but also knew how much he enjoyed watching strong women be beaten and humiliated. He thought Talia could use a little humiliation. If he wasn't man enough to do it, he knew a woman who could.

The match took place in one of the larger penthouses in New York. Jenny's presence always insured a large crowd. Talia entered the spacious room, overjoyed by its size. By now, she'd heard tales of Jenny's savagery, but refused to let them bother her. It was all just a matter of concentration, doing what she had to do. Talia had been defeating types like Jenny all her life. She despised them and gloried in their conquest.

Everything was in ready. The two women glared at each other from across the room. The signal was given to begin. The battle was underway.

Neither woman rushed to battle. Both stalked closer and closer, as if they were slowly but surely drawn together by tension. When they reached within arms length, Jenny



With the practiced savagery of a girl born with the killer instinct, Jenny mauls her desperately struggling foe. Talia's cry of anguish echoed through the apartment like a death wail.

expertly flicked her hand and grabbed her foe by the wrist. Talia just as expertly twisted free and took a step back. Jenny stood her ground, the half-smile on her face an admission of a move well done.

The two women continued to circle. Their hands occasionally slapped shoulders and thighs, but nothing serious. It was more to loosen up than to inflict pain. Then Jenny got serious.

She twisted and lashed her foot hard to Talia's thigh. The brunette crumpled to the carpet.

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Before she could recover, Talia found Jenny on top of her. The blonde grabbed her foe's leg and neck, attempting to jackknife Talia into submission. Doubled over, the brunette arched and struggled, trying to work herself free.

Finally, the weeks of training paid off. Talia's powerful legs allowed her to kick free, breaking Jenny's powerful grip. The two women rolled on the carpet. Each managed to spring to her feet, ready to resume battle.

Jenny was more careful this time. Her hands reached out with lightning swiftness, grabbing Talia by the forearms. she spun her foe around, almost doubling the woman backward. However Talia learned her lessons well. She executed the escape maneuver perfectly, throwing Jenny to the ground. "Concentrate," Talia reminded herself. She then pounced on Jenny.



Jenny's powerful body is torn by agony as Talia ruthlessly bends the blonde's arm close to the breaking point. Jenny's expression tells the story.



The strong limbs of Jenny are weapons of destruction as they snake around Talia, twisting and squeezing with untamed ferocity.

It was a display of perfect execution. Talia leaped on Jenny's back, wrapping her legs around her foe's belly and arms around Jenny's head. The blonde victim writhed in agony as crushing pressure was applied to her stomach and head. Jenny's eyes grew glassy as the torment continued.

Desperately, Jenny dug her nails into Talia's forearm, hoping to force the brunette to release her grip. Talia was just as determined to hold on. The struggle was written in the tormented faces of the women, each trying to attack while also absorbing pain. It was horrifying and it was splendid.

Talia finally broke. Her arms released from Jenny's head. An instant later, Jenny's elbow pounded into Talia's side, forcing the stewardess's legs to spring open. Jenny whirled around, facing her opponent. Instantly, she was the attacker.

Talia was ready. The two women locked on the carpet, rolling and tearing at each other with animal ferocity. Jenny's (Continued on page 62)

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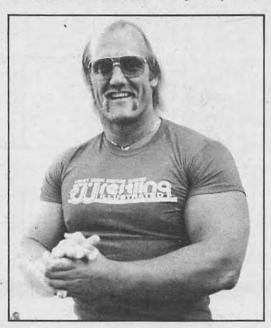
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nails and fists dug deep into Talia's softness. Talia retaliated with a ferocious barrage of punches to Jenny's head. The two women battled until it seemed they'd destroy each other. As if on signal, a strange communion of instinct took place. The pair broke apart. They rolled away, resting in hunched positions, staring angrily.

They rose to their feet. Jenny rushed. Talia caught her foe by



the arms, spun her around, and drove her knee hard into the small of Jenny's back. The blonde arched backwards as if hit by a lance, then fell to the carpet. A piercing cry accompanied her descent.

Talia gave her no chance to recover. She leaped on Jenny, squatting hard on the blonde's thighs. Facing Jenny's feet, she grabbed for the blonde's ankles and reached up. Jenny was almost bent backwards as Talia rocked back and forth, Jenny's body writhing in agony. One could almost feel Talia's intense concentration as she moved back and forth, detailing every painful tremor in Jenny's



Above: Talia's nails dig into Jenny's foot and chest as the brunette warrior tears at the blonde beauty's flesh. Talia is a quick student when it comes to torture. Left: Talia gives a savage cry as she yanks Jenny's long blonde hair, twisting her victim's neck in the process. Below: It's an ugly celebration of revenge as Jenny yanks and twists Talia, wrenching the poor woman with merciless abandon.



body. When she felt Jenny was properly weakened, Talia made her move.

Still clutching one leg, the brunette reached back and raked her nails across Jenny's

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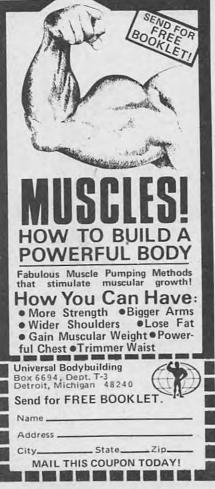
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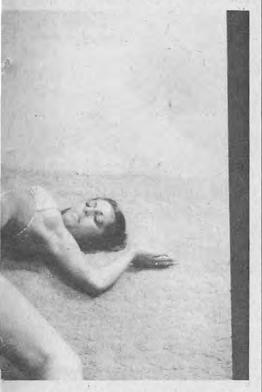


Jenny from her torture. It was like an improvised symphony that somehow became fantastic music.

Once free, Jenny let rage guide her actions. She was a whirlwind of unleashed ferocity. Talia couldn't think her way out of this one. There was no rhyme nor reason to her foe's actions, just a continuous barrage of unrelated mayhem. She tried to back away, regroup her forces and work her way to success, but there wasn't enough time. All she could do was defend herself against an enemy she could no longer understand.

A fist to the head sent Talia reeling. Another sent her to the carpet. She felt Jenny's full weight upon her as fists and knees sought soft targets. Talia tried to arch herself free but Jenny instinctively knew how to conquer that maneuver. Talia was doing everything right but couldn't get free.

Jenny continued this assault without mercy or relief, knowing she had her foe beaten. When Talia could barely move, Jenny wrapped her splendid legs around the victim's belly and



squeezed. It was an incredibly painful scissorlock. Talia writhed, squirmed and convulsively gyrated to no avail. Her wracking breaths and piteous cries echoed throughout the room. Talia knew she had lost. She surrendered.

Jenny stood up to receive the applause of the crowd. She left her opponent lying on the carpet, spent and exhausted. But the victor should have looked back upon her victim. Talia's eyes were not the eyes of a woman who's lost the war, just the first battle.

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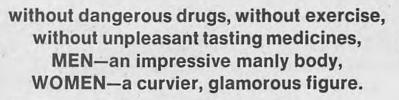
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As you follow your GAIN Plan which includes nutritional high calorie menus. You add pounds and inches to your arms, legs, chest, hips, everywhere. You'll be amazed at the fantastic transformation that occurs ... as thin, unattractive areas start to develop into new magnetic appeal. You'll be



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#### THINK OF WHAT THIS CAN MEAN TO YOU

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Yes, now, with the GAIN Plan to help, it's so easy, so pleasant to add pounds and inches of firm, attractive flesh . . . so full-filling to feel better, stronger, more vital and alive! But don't take our word for it. Prove it to yourself at our risk!

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to look better and feel better as a result,

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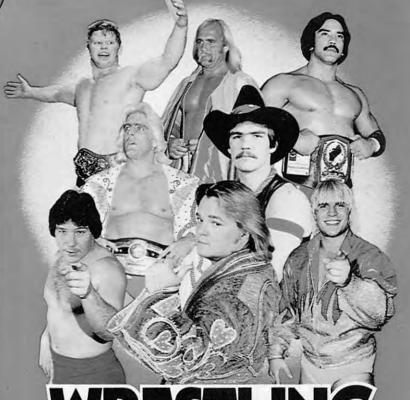
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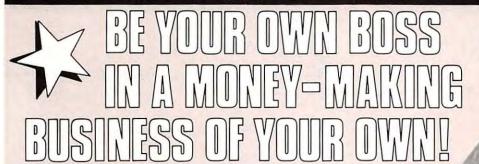
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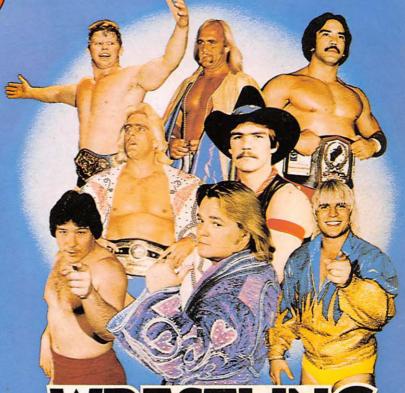
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